GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR ADULTERY CIVIL OFFENCE
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission recently recommended for amending law for making adultery civil offence;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(c) the final decision taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The National Commission for Women (NCW), while furnishing comments to the Ministry of Women and Child Development in respect of a reference made to the Commission by the Ministry, has suggested that the issue of adultery should be viwed as a breach of trust and treated as a civil wrong rather than a criminal offence but this should be done only after working out a national consensus in the matter.

(c) The recommendation made by NCW is under examination in the Ministry of Women and Child Development.